

Award-Winning AZ Cardiac Care — October 28, 2010



The Bureau of Emergency Services and Trauma won another award for its Cardiac Receiving Center Program. This month, the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) recognized the strides made by Arizona to improve cardiac arrest survival. The AZ effort is multifaceted and includes major projects to improve both bystander care (calling 9-1-1 and performing CPR), emergency medical dispatcher training to provide pre-arrival "Hands-Only" CPR instructions, and a new and refined EMS intervention termed "Minimally Interrupted Cardiac Resuscitation (MICR)." The net effect has been a tripling of survival throughout the vast majority of the state.

Congratulations to Dr. Ben Bobrow and all the BEMST staff who have had a big hand in improving survival outcomes for so many. You can read more about the program at azshare.gov.